GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Elections - IPS – Appointment of State Police Nodal Officer, State CAPF Coordinator and Nodal Officer (Election Expenditure) for State Police – Orders – Issued.

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GENERAL ADMINISTRATION (SC.C) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.1947 Dated:03.10.2023

Read the following: -

1. From Election Commission of India, New Delhi, Letter No.464/ L&O/2023/EPS, Dt:07.06.2023.
2. From Election Commission of India, New Delhi, Letter No.464/ AP/SOU3/2023, Dt:11.09.2023.

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ORDER:

In the reference 1st read above, the Election Commission of India, New Delhi has informed that the Election Commission of India endeavors to create a conductive environment for elections which is free, fair and ethical. Some of the key ingredients has been the deployment of security personnel from State/UTs police forces and the Central Armed Paramilitary Forces deployed by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, apart from additional and enhanced measures for law and order much prior to the poll day(s) and required for designating a competent and experienced senior police officer as State Police Nodal Officer (SPNO) who can, under overall coordination with Chief Electoral Officer, prepare and execute detailed plan on law and order and State Deployment Plan to provide adequate and sufficient security to voters, polling personnel, election materials, polling stations, counting centers and other such locations as directed by the Commission. Accordingly, the Election Commission of India, New Delhi has given instructions for appointment of State Police Nodal Officer (SPNO), State CAPF Coordinator and Nodal Officer (Election Expenditure) for State Police.

2. In obedience to the above and in consultation with Election Commission of India, the Government of Andhra Pradesh, hereby appoint the following IPS Officers as State Police Nodal Officer (SPNO), State CAPF Coordinator and Nodal Officer (Election Expenditure) for State Police: -

i. Sri Vineet Brijlal, IPS(RR:2001) is appointed as State Police Nodal Officer (SPNO).
ii. Sri Atul Singh, IPS(RR:1995) is appointed as State CAPF Coordinator.
iii. Sri Venkatarami Reddy, IPS(SPS:2004) is appointed as Nodal Officer (Election Expenditure) for State Police.

3. The Role and Responsibilities of State Police Nodal Officer (SPNO), State CAPF Coordinator and Nodal Officer (Election Expenditure) for State Police, issued by the Election Commission of India, are Annexed to this order, so as to follow the same.

4. The Director General of Police(HoPF), AP shall take necessary action.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To
The Election Commission of India, New Delhi.
The Members of Service concerned(through the DGP(HoPF), AP)
The Director General of Police(HoPF), Andhra Pradesh, Mangalagiri.
The Chief Electoral Officer, Andhra Pradesh.

Copy to:
The Special Chief Secretary/Secretaries / Additional Secretary to the Chief Minister.
The P.S. to Chief Secy. to Govt./Prl. Secy. to Government (Political).
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The Role and Responsibilities of State Police Nodal Officer (SPNO), State CAPF Coordinator and Nodal Officer (Election Expenditure) for State Police:-

I) State Police Nodal Officer (SPNO): State Police Nodal Officer shall *inter alia* perform following duties/ tasks in close coordination with the Chief Electoral Officer :-

i. Preparation of State (or UT) Force Deployment Plan and its approval by Committee consisting of Chief Electoral Officer, State Police Nodal Officer and State CAPF Nodal Officer and finally vetted/ modified by the General and Police Observers appointed by the Commission *(Detailed procedure can be referred to in the Manual on Force Deployment).*

ii. Prepare multilateral augmentation plan of taking police force/ home guards etc. from the neighboring State/UTs, on mutually acceptable terms, for any deficiency in the State Police Force due to large scale retirements and/or lack of fresh inductions.

iii. Review and assessment of detailed daily Law & Order situation in the State and ensuring that timely measures are taken in this regard, considering the specific law and order concerns of the State/ UT in the context of elections.

iv. Coordination with all District SP/ Commissioner of Police on election related issues.

v. Preparation of training materials and training of all police personnel.

vi. Taking specific measures for law and order prescribed by the Commission *inter alia* as follows:

a. Monitoring of past electoral offences

b. Preventive actions and measures

c. Vulnerability mapping and corrective measures to prevent intimidation, influence etc.

d. Execution of non-bailable warrants from competent courts in time bound manner.

e. Special drives for illegal arms, illicit liquor, and contraband

f. Check on illegal transportation and storage of cash and other inducements

g. Any other additional and enhanced measures to maintain and improve law and order.

h. Prepare and provide consolidated reports for the State/UT, in LOR-I and LOR-II formats prescribed by the Commission, to the CEO for review and onward submission to the Commission, from announcement of elections till completion of elections.

vii. Assessment of requirement of CAPE from the Government of India and convey the requirement to the Chief Electoral Officer with proper justification. Preparation of induction/ de-induction plan of CAPF in consultation with State Level Force Coordinator of Ministry of Home Affairs. Make a detailed plan for accommodation, transport, food/ ration and security of CAPF, while on move or on static duty.

viii. Preparation of phase-wise movement plan of forces and its monitoring.

ix. To make contingency plan for rescue, evacuation, hospitalization, air transportation, water transportation etc. by coordinating with different Departments / Agencies.

x. Creating a database of Helipads/Airfields and creating mechanism for inbound/ outbound frisking.

xi. Close coordination with bordering States for inter-State border sealing, joint operation etc.

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xii. Preparation of communication plan by augmenting police wireless system for communication shadow zones.

xiii. Preparing security plan for dispatch centers, receiving centers, training centers, strong rooms, warehouses etc.

xiv. Preparing special security plans for LWE area or insurgency prone areas or areas with international borders, as applicable.

xv. Close coordination with police observers

xvi. Any other action or activity required, as provided in relevant Manual on Force Deployment etc., for free, fair and peaceful conduct of election under close coordination with Chief Electoral Officer.

II) **State CAPF Coordinator:** State CAPF Nodal Officer shall assist SPNO in management, induction and de-induction of CAPF deployed by Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India. She/he shall work in close coordination with State Level Force Coordinator designated by the Ministry of Home Affairs.

III) **Nodal Officer (Election Expenditure) for State Police:** Nodal Officer (Election Expenditure) can assist SPNO in matter related to seizure of cash, liquor, contrabands and other inducements where State Police is mandated to take actions as per the directives of the Commission. Nodal Officer (Election Expenditure) for State Police can work in tandem and coordination, under overall guidance of SPNO, with Nodal Officers of other Enforcement Agencies like Income Tax Department, Central GST Department, State Excise Department, Narcotics Control Bureau, Enforcement Directorate, Railway Protection Force, Central Industrial Security Force, Border Security Force etc.

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